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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0287

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECRP, EFIN, ENRG, AG  
SUBJECT: ALGERIAN OIL PRODUCTION IN 1976

REF: (A) ALGIERS 23, (B) CERP 4250

1. KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE IN FRENCH EMBASSY WHO HAS  
EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN CFP AND SONATRACH DOUBTS OFFICIAL  
FIGURE OF 50.1 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE AND CONDENSATE IN  
1976 REPORTED REFTEL. HE PUTS FIGURE AT 47.

2. SPECULATING ABOUT REASONS GOA MIGHT HAVE FOR  
EXAGGERATING FIGURE BY SIX PERCENT, SOURCE SAID ALGERIANS  
MAY BE PREPARING GROUND IN CASE OF AGREEMENT BY OPEC  
MAJORITY TO REQUIRE MEMBERS TO CUT BACK PRODUCTION BY  
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PERHAPS FIVE PERCENT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT PRICE AGREED BY  
MAJORITY AT DOHA. FIVE PERCENT CUT FROM A FICTUTIOUS  
50 MILLION WOULD LEAVE ALGERIA FREE TO PRODUCE AT  
OR NEAR CAPACITY.

3. SOURCE HAD MENTIONED HIS SPECULATION TO OTHERS IN  
ALGIERS DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND WORKD GOT TO IRANIAN

AMBASSADOR. LATTER AT ONCE SENT ONE OF HIS OFFICERS  
TO DISCUSS WITH SOURCE, WHO TOLD HIM IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO BE CERTAIN BUT THAT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO  
BE ANY OTHER REASON FOR MISREPRESENTING FACTS BY SUCH  
A SMALL AMOUNT.

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